

HOUSE RESOLUTION 7023

By Pruitt

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the inaugural winners of the Contemporary Black History Makers Award.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this General Assembly should honor those commemorative events which are celebrations of America's heritage and culture; and

WHEREAS, one such worthy commemorative event is the Christian Writers Black History Month Program's Contemporary Black History Makers Award ceremony; and

WHEREAS, February 4, 2006, marks the inaugural Contemporary Black History Makers Award ceremony, an initiative of the Christian Writers Ministry Network of John Wesley United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the Contemporary Black History Makers Award is presented to African-Americans who are trailblazers, pioneers, founders, leaders, activists, and artists whose efforts have opened up new opportunities for African-Americans, improving the quality of life for their communities and this Nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to all, the winners of this award have diligently worked to ensure that the values, legacy, and tradition of black heritage are secured for all future generations; and

WHEREAS, this award recognizes those African-Americans who have made tremendous contributions to American history and have enriched our communities and culture; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 winners of the Contemporary Black History Makers Award are Dr. Stephanie Bailey, Reverend Joseph A. Bias, Mr. Caleb T. Bias, Mr. Robert Churchwell, Bishop John Corry, Dr. Evelyn Fancher, Mr. James Floyd, Vice Mayor Howard Gentry, Mrs. Judy Gentry, Mrs. Judy Gentry, Dr. Michael Grant, Dr. James Haney, Mrs. Geraldean Heath, Dr.

Bobby L. Lovett, Mr. Everett J. Mitchell, Mrs. Rosetta Perry, Mrs. Diana Poe, Mrs. Teresa Phillips, Tennessee State Representative Mary Pruitt, Delsenia Sales, Barry Scott, Mrs. Lillian Dunn Thomas, and Dr. Tommie Morton Young; and

WHEREAS, though we cannot adequately express our appreciation to these estimable individuals who have worked to secure and preserve freedom and equality for all Americans regardless of race, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor them to the fullest extent of our abilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate the inaugural winners of the Contemporary Black History Makers Award, commend them for their meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee and this Nation, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.